- 2. Resolved, That we deprecate the acts and proceedings of our brethren of the state of South Carolina, as opposed to the fundamental principles upon which the government of these United States is based, as violating the spirit and meaning of the federal constitution, and tending to rend asunder those ties of common interest and fraternal regard, of mutual dependence and reciprocal obligation, which are alike our pride, our glory and our strength, and which have proclaimed us to the world a United People.
- 3. Resolved, That when South Carolina, together with all the other states, acceded to this Union, and adopted the constitution, she and they became thereby irrevocably bound that all controversy upon the constitutionality of an act of Congress should be finally adjudicated by the Supreme Court of these United States. The sacred charter of our liberties never contemplated that each state had reserved to itself an ultimate appeal to its own citizens in their sovereign capacity.
- 4. Reso'ved, That the manufactures of America, are one of the elements of our independence and greatness; not oppressing, but advancing hand in hand with agriculture and commerce. These three sources of national prosperity, demand equally the fostering protection of government; to crush either would be to paralize all; and to the general government alone, standing on an elevation to survey the whole ground, belongs the information, the wisdom and the power to apportion just patronage wherever circumstances may require.
- 5. Resolved, That the constitution of the United States now contains within itself, an ample provision for its amendment, and for the remedy of every evil which may arise from unforeseen events, or ambiguous construction. When this provision shall be legally called into operation, we shall be prompt to concede all to justice, much to fraternal feeling, and somewhat even to local excitement and mistaken enthusiasm. But it cannot comport either with dignity or sound policy to yield aught in the face of threatened disunion and an armed resistance to the laws.
- 6. Resolved, That the principles contained in the proclamation and late message of the president of the United States, meet our entire approbation; and that we will sustain the Chief Magistrate of the Union in the constitutional enforcement of these principles.